



BLUE BIRD

April 26, 2022

Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

ATTENTION: VIN COORDINATOR

Pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR 565.26, I am providing an updated reissue of the decipher information previously submitted in September 2020.

The VIN decipher document is reissued due to the following changes:

Section two

“SERIES (Body Model)” character 5

Add the following characters and attributes

S = 1500 - 1799

Please find enclosed the complete, current VIN decoder for Blue Bird Body Company.

Best regards,

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Cc: 49 CFR Part 565 file
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V.I.N. CHARACTER DESCRIPTION & DEFINITION CHART

SECTION	DIGIT	DESCRIPTION
FIRST	1	MAKER IDENTIFIER
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SECOND	4	VEHICLE ATTRIBUTES
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THIRD	9	CHECK DIGIT
FOURTH	10	VEHICLE MODEL YEAR
	11	PLANT OF MANUFACTURE
	12	PRODUCTION SEQUENCE NUMBER
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BLUE BIRD V.I.N. DESCRIPTION

SECTION	DIGIT	CHARACTER NAME	AVAILABLE CHARACTERS
FIRST	1	COUNTRY	1 = USA
	2	MANUFACTURER	B = Blue Bird
	3	TYPE (stored in "PRODUCT_SCHED_INFO" table as "VIN_TYPE")	A = Bus
			B = MPV
			C = Truck
			D = Incomplete Vehicle
			E-G is Reserved

SECOND	4	LINE (Products) (stored in "PRODUCT_SCHED_INFO" table as "VIN_PLBT")	B = All American / All Canadian	
			D = Shell All American	
			J = Shell Commercial Series	
			K = BB Conventional	
			M = Shell BB Conventional	
			P = Commercial Type C	
			R = Commercial Type D	
			S = B3 Conventional	
			Y = Chassis Only	
	5	SERIES (Body Model) (stored in "VIN_BODY_MODEL" table)	S = 1500 - 1799	H = 3401 - 3502
			A = 1800 - 2199	J = 3503 - 3604
			B = 2200 - 2509	K = 3605 - 3706
			C = 2510 - 2700	L = 3707 - 3808
			D = 2701 - 2809	M = 3809 - 3903
			E = 2810 - 3006	N = 3904 - 4100
			F = 3007 - 3108	P = 4101 - 4300
			G = 3109 - 3400	R = 4301 - 4500

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	6	BODY TYPE (stored in "PRODUCT_SCHED_INFO" table as "VIN_BODY_TYPE")	B = Rear Engine
			C = Front Engine
	7	ENGINE TYPE Note: The engine type character denotes all engines of that make and model, regardless of horsepower, EPA certification, etc (stored in "FEATURE_ENGINE" table as "VIN_CHAR") NOTE: the VIN model year for any VIN indicating an "ELECTRIC" "Engine Type" will match the calendar year of the chassis on-rubber date	B = FORD 6.8 LPG
			E = FORD 6.8 GASOLINE
			M = FORD 6.8 CNG
			S = CUMMINS B6.7
			U = ELECTRIC
			X = CUMMINS ISC
			6 = CUMMINS L9
			7 = CUMMINS L9N
			9 = GLIDER
			H = FORD 7.3L LPG
			J = FORD 7.3L GASOLINE
	8	BRAKE SYSTEM For single stage vehicles classified as Bus, School Bus or MFSAB or <u>any incomplete vehicle</u> (NOTE: If PLBT is always a particular brake type and never an MPV (such as T3RE), then character 8 value may be stored in PRODUCT_SCHED_INFO table as "VIN_BRAKE_GVWR". Otherwise, the PODS Feature Key "Brake Type" is coded as "A" or "H") or	A = Air
			H = Hydraulic
		GVWR (if single stage vehicle classified as MPV) (This requirement is not currently addressed in order system)	6 = 19501 - 26000 lbs
			7 = 26001 - 33000 lbs
			8 = 33001 lbs and over

THIRD	9	CHECK DIGIT

FOURTH	10	VEHICLE MODEL YEAR - coding for years is stored in "VIN_MODEL_YEAR" table - coding for model year change timing is stored in BOSS "Product_Vin_Year" table as Production Date Begin and End for each PL, BT, Production Code	W = 1998	A = 2010	N = 2022
			X = 1999	B = 2011	P = 2023
			Y = 2000	C = 2012	R = 2024
			1 = 2001	D = 2013	S = 2025
			2 = 2002	E = 2014	T = 2026

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	<p>- all single stage vehicles whose chassis set up on the Sunday closest to July 1st of each year will have the new model year.</p> <p>–all single stage vehicles whose chassis set up will begin aligning with the fiscal year beginning with model year 2024</p> <p>- NOTE: for model year 2023 this will be Sunday August 15th</p> <p>- all multi-stage vehicle whose body sets up within the dates specified in BOSS “Product_Vin_Year” will have the new model year</p> <p>- assignment of a new model year must follow the constraints of 49CFR565.12(m) (2016 edition)</p> <p>- NOTE: the VIN model year for any VIN indicating an “ELECTRIC” “Engine Type” will match the calendar year of the chassis on-rubber date for the U.S., therefore, buses built between January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 will have a VIN Model Year of 2022</p> <p>-NOTE: For Canada, the VIN model year for any VIN indicating an “ELECTRIC” “Engine Type” will match same schedule as the Internal Combustion Engine buses noted above.</p>	3 = 2003	F = 2015	V = 2027
		4 = 2004	G = 2016	W = 2028
		5 = 2005	H = 2017	X = 2029
		6 = 2006	J = 2018	Y = 2030
		7 = 2007	K = 2019	
		8 = 2008	L = 2020	
		9 = 2009	M = 2021	
11	<p>PLANT OF MANUFACTURE</p> <p>- coding is stored in “PLANT” table as “PLANT_ID”, then assigned to a product line in “PRODUCT_SCHED_INFO” table as “CHASSIS_PLANTS”</p>	F = Fort Valley		
12	<p>PRODUCTION SEQUENCE NUMBER</p> <p>Note: Prior to July 5, 1998, the sequence number was the BODY number. On or after that date, the sequence number is the CHASSIS number.</p>			
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NOTE ADDED FOR SHIPPING INFORMATION

Tracking Number:

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Service:

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